

HA-1381

Before 1868

Reed House
219 E. Broadway
Bel Air
private

This house is a fine example of how 19th century houses "just grew". Originally a one and a half story salt box, it was raised to two full stories in the 20th century. It has acquired other additions as well: a bay window and an enclosed side porch with sleeping porch above. No longer of any particular style (if it ever was), it still has a good deal of charm.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Reed House

AND/OR COMMON

State Farm Insurance Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

219 E. Broadway

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James Brinegar

Telephone #: 838-4433

STREET & NUMBER

219 E. Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 934

Folio #: 762

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

HA-1381

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story gable roofed cottage is numbered 219 Broadway in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland, but it faces Hickory. It has recently been covered with aluminum siding. It was originally a three-bay side hall plan with two small rooms on the north side of the hall. When the south part of the porch was enclosed after 1929, it became a four-bay, center-hall plan. The windows, except those in the sleeping porch, are 6/6 double-hung sash set in molded surrounds. The front (east) porch has a hipped roof carried on plain square posts raised on blocks. The door, in the third bay from the north, probably dates to early in this century. It has 15 panes of glass. The shed in the rear has casement windows. A three-sided, hipped roof bay window, added c. 1929, enlivens the east bay on the north elevation and lights what was the parlor.

The first floor has four rooms and bath, two rooms (parlor and dining room) on the north side and one (the enclosed porch) on the south. The kitchen, bath, and part of the original dining room are in the shed addition. The chimney projects into the dining room. The house was heated by stoves into this chimney originally.

A closed-string, single-run staircase runs up the south side of the hall. It has plain, square newel and balusters. The woodwork in the house is entirely plain save for a full entablature over the entry inside. The original doors are four panel.

Upstairs there are five bedrooms (now offices) and a bath. The attic shows the many changes of the roof-line.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES before 1868

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This little house at the corner of Broadway and Hickory has had many alterations. According to Mrs. Graybeal, the daughter of Charles Reed, who grew up there, the house was originally a salt-box or one and a half story cottage; from the present floor plan it probably was a side-hall single stack. The 1878 map shows P. Boleyn as the resident. Mrs. Boleyn was a dressmaker. The roof was raised to a full two stories by James Trundle, who owned it in the early years of this century. He probably added the kitchen and northwest chamber, too. At that time the veranda ran along the front (east) and the south side. Charles Reed, Senior, bought the property for \$6000 in 1920. He added the bay window on the north elevation, a fireplace in the northeast chamber, probably the kitchen cabinets, and enclosed the porch on the south side, giving it a sleeping porch on the second story. These improvements took place during the great depression. The lot had a tennis court to the south on the Hickory Street side; that has been replaced by a macadam parking lot. The Graybeals removed the fireplace in the parlor and enlarged the enclosed porch so that its front (east) wall was level with the parlor's wall. The present occupants have made no changes to the structural fabric. They did side it in aluminum.

The little cottage was on a 68½ acre parcel that Dr. William Munnikhuysen bought from Ellen Davis for \$2000 in 1855 (2/351). Miss Davis had inherited it from her father, Ruben H. Davis. It was known as "Ellen Dale", and all the lots on East Broadway were a part of this farm. Dr. Munnikhuysen sold this acre with its buildings to James S. Lytle for \$1550 in 1868. Lytle had an oyster bar in the east portion of the Holden Building on Courtland Street next to the Harford Democrat office (now the B, G & E Building). In 1871 Lytle bought Prigg's Hotel (Stagmer's) at the corner of Main and Courtland, or at least leased it, and sold this house to Prigg (25/261) for \$2500. In August 1872, Prigg exchanged this property and another parcel with John S. Dallam for some Main Street property (27/409). In 1881 John Dallam sold it to Charles L. Dallam for \$2250 \$44/63). Five years later it returned to the Lytles when Dallam sold it to Mary (Maria) Lytle for \$1650 (56/398). An 1893 equity case (47/46) shows that by that time Stevenson Williams, Laura Prigg, John McCullough, and William Doxen had some claim to the property. It

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and equity records of Harford County
 Interview with Mrs. Jean Graybeal and Mr. James Brinegar,
 29 May 1979.
 1878 Map

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #565 in the Town of Bel Air.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

31 May 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

was forced to sale and Mrs. Lytle paid \$1450 for it at the Courthouse door (81/113). In 1902 she sold it to James Trundle (104/265); he lived there until his death in the early years of World War I. Charles Reed, Sr., bought it from the trustee for the Trundle children in 1920 (166/444). Mr. Reed raised his family there. At his death it passed to his daughter, Jean Reed Graybeal. The Graybeals sold it to Ira A. De Armon, Jr., in 1960 (560/320). In 1973 the De Armons sold it to James H. Brinegar as his State Farm Insurance office there. He rents the upstairs offices.

The career of this little house is typical of much of vernacular architecture. It "just grew" over the years as the needs of the different owners changed. It is probably typical also that it has been changed into an office building. While it is no longer a private residence, it is in sound economic health as it enters its second century of life.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1381

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
State Farm Insurance Office

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
Red House (1920)

PRESENT USE: *office*

ORIGINAL USE: *private residence*

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent (☒) Good ()
Fair () Poor: ()

THEME: *Architecture*

STYLE: *vernacular*

DATE BUILT:
before 1868 (original block)

COUNTY: *Harford*

TOWN: *Bel Air*

LOCATION: *219 Broadway*

COMMON NAME:

State Farm Insurance Office

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: *private residence*

OWNER: *James Brinegar*

ADDRESS: *219 Broadway
Bel Air, Md.*

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes () No () Restricted (☒)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (☒) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard (☒) Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum (☒) Asphalt Shingle ()
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (☒) Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (☒) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()

Wings () Other: *bay window & ell*

Roof Style: Gable (☒) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()

Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()

Other:

Number of Stories: *2*

Number of Bays: *4*

Approximate Dimensions: *35' x 40'*

Entrance Location: *Side door*

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (☒) Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration ()
Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Windows 6/6 in moulded surrounds at front 3 (south 3 2nd floor) in plain - ~~shed~~ ^{hipped} roofed porch, plain square post on blocks back (west) 6/6 in gable, 3 bays (2nd story), shed addit in middle of 1st story w/casement windows - Door 15 pane glass stair closed string single run, square balusters + newel - woodwork plain ex. entablature over entrance inside - 5 rooms + bath up WW entirely plain 4 panel door south 3 bays (1 room) looks like sun porch enclosed some walls ~~changed~~ paneled - may have been fireplace in NE chamber.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

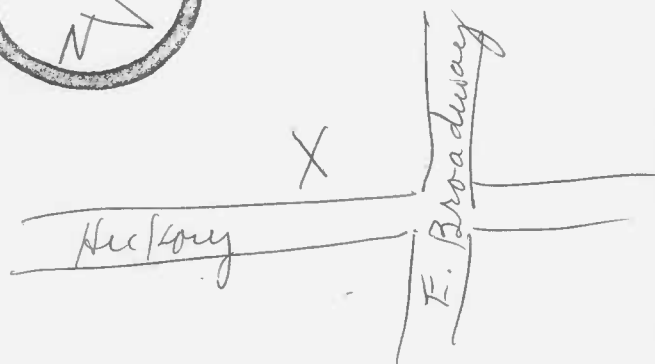
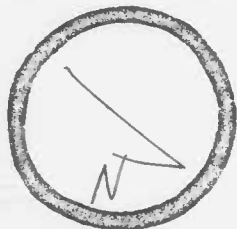
& play-house (see picture)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A much altered pre-1868 cottage.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up()
Residential(☒) Commercial(☒)
Agricultural() Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other:

M. Larue

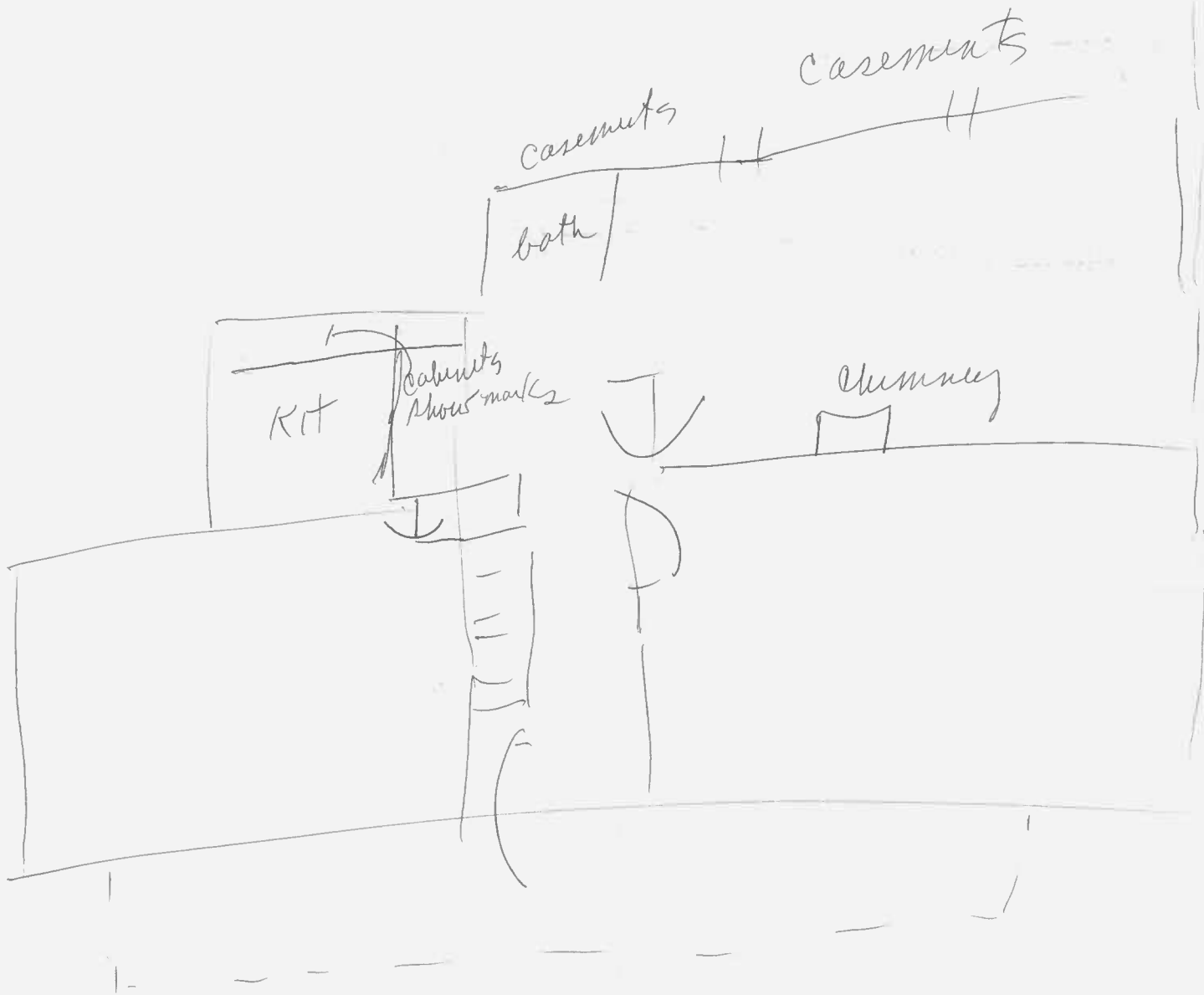
RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:

29 May 79

DATE RECORDED:



TITLE:
219 BROADWAY

934/762	6 August 1973 Ira A. DeArmon, Jr., and Theodora, wife to James H. Brinegar and Hazel 1/2 Keith R. Proudfoot and Eleanor 1/2
560/320	26 October 1960 W. Eugene Graybeal and Jean, wife to Ira A. DeArmon, Jr., and Theodora, wife Mrs. Graybeal is the daughter of Charles Reed, Sr.
166/444	20 February 1920 Harry S. Carver, trustee to Charles Reed \$6000 Carver was trustee in William B. Trundle and Martha Alverta Trundle vs. William B. Trundle et. al., 1916 James C. Trundle lived there at his death
104/265	22 May 1902 Maria R. Lytle and Robert Archer to James C. Trundle
81/113	15 May 1894 Stevenson A. Williams, trustee to Maria R. Lytle \$1450 Williams was trustee in Caroline Bowser vs. Mary S. Lytle (equity 47/46 - 1893). Included with Mary Lytle were Laura A. Prigg, John McCullough and William Doxen. Lytle's 1886 Mortgage (56/399) of \$1050.00 to Charles L. Dallam had been assigned to Williams as executor of William Woolsey. The others also had some claim to the property.
56/398	13 August 1886 Charles L. Dallam to Mary S. Lytle \$1650

44/63 20 July 1881
John and Amanda Dallam
to
Charles L. Dallam
\$2250 2a ±

27/409 26 August 1872
Allen J. Prigg and Margery, wife
to
John S. Dallam
\$2500 in exchange of property
1a ±, 2 parcels

25/261 16 January 1871
James and Mary Lytle
to
Allen J. Prigg
\$2500

21/218 7 December 1868
William T. Munnikhuysen and Elizabeth, wife
to
James S. Lytle
\$1550 1a_±
with buildings

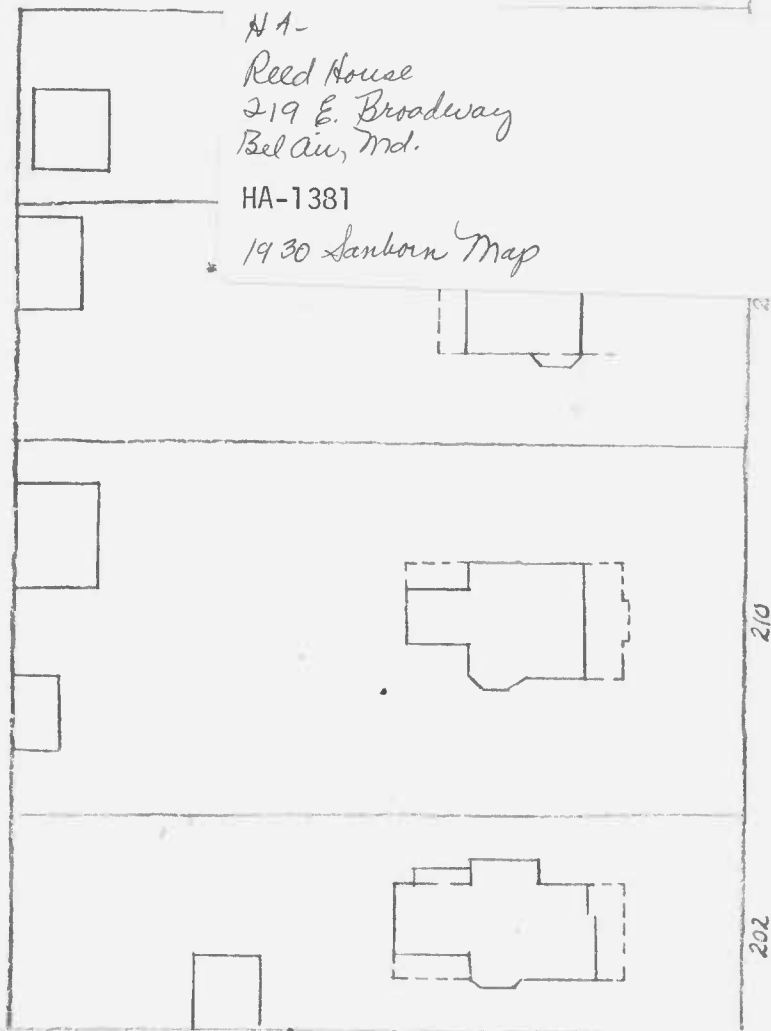
2/351 17 January 1853
Ellen H. Davis
to
William Munnikhuysen
\$2000 68-1/2a left to her by her
father, Ruben H. Davis

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Reed House
219 E. Broadway
Bel Air, Md.

HA-1381

1930 Sanborn Map



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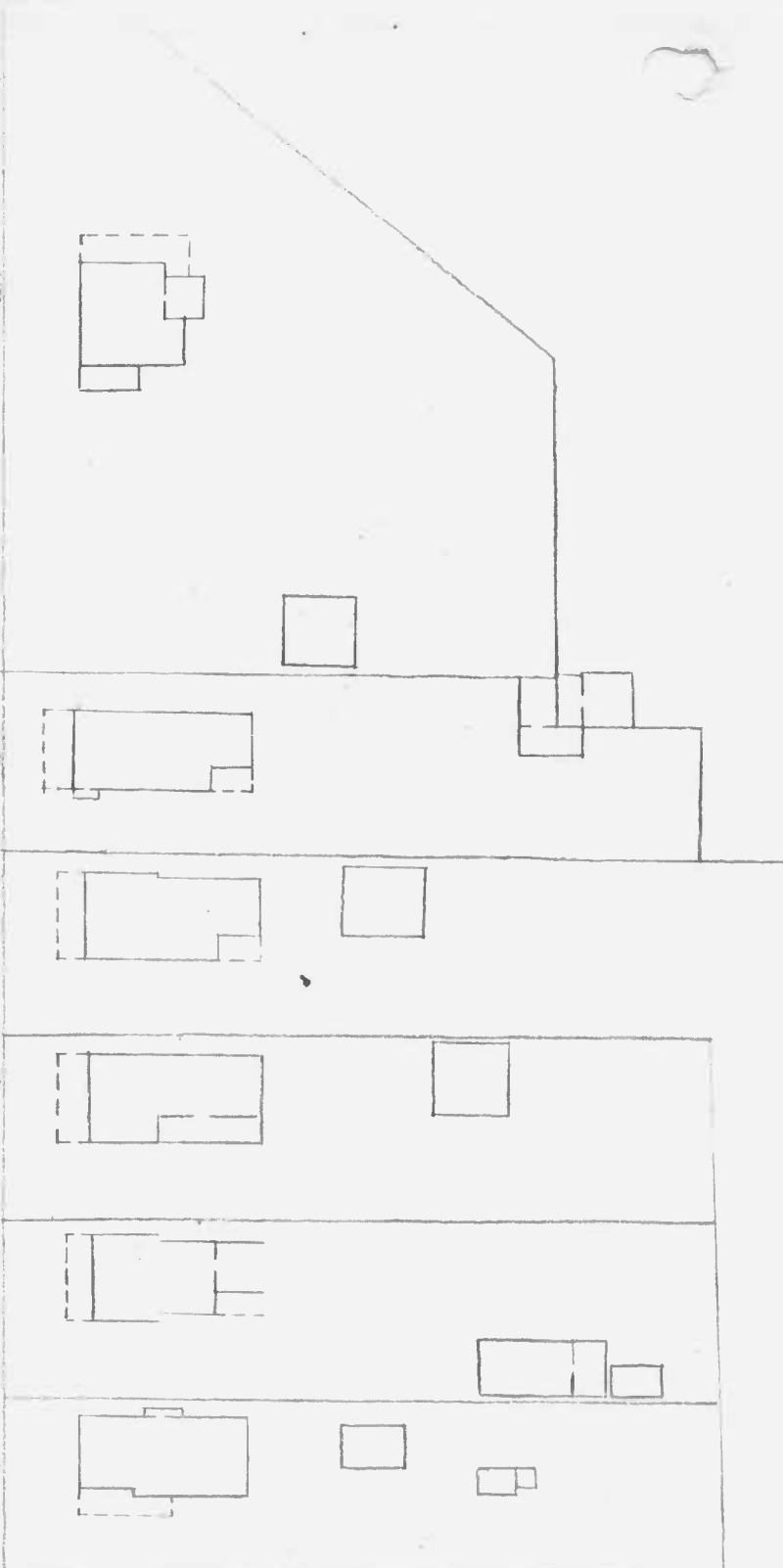
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Reed House, 219 E. Broadway, Bel Air
e + seller

M. Lauer, 1979



HA-1381 Red House, 219 E. Broadway, Bel Air
A. elev
M. Lamm, 1979